

Health and Long Term Care Costs

(See also: [Long Term Care State Services](#), [Long Term Care Insurance](#), [Health Management Organizations](#), and [Prescription Drugs](#))

Increases in government funding of health care entitlements for older adults and the disabled have held the attention of public policy officials for a number of years. In 2000, 23% of the estimated \$1.3 trillion in health expenditures in the United States were financed by Medicare (17.3% and Medicaid (15.6%). While costs for acute care and rehabilitation are rising, the cost of long term care and its competition for the health care dollar, especially its consumption of Medicaid expenditures are alarming. Health care cost information is critical to public policy discussion of the sources of support for future costs, including tax expenditures for private health and long- term care insurance plans supplementing federal benefits. The Internet sites included in this note address public and private expenditures for health care services, Medicare, Medicaid, health care insurance, long-term care and veteran's health care.

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National Health Expenditure Statistics

Estimates – National Health Accounts

(Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services)

<http://www.cms.gov/statistics/nhe/default.asp>

Private vs. Public Expenditures for Health Care

(Public Agenda on Line)

http://publicagenda.org/issues/factfiles_detail.cfm?issue_type=healthcare&list=3

Government and Insurance Companies Both Picking Up More of the Tab

(Public Agenda on Line)

http://publicagenda.org/issues/factfiles_detail.cfm?issue_type=healthcare&list=4

The Green Book 2000: Health Status, Insurance, and Expenditures of the Elderly, and Background Data on Long Term Care

(Department of Health and Human Services)

<http://aspe.os.dhhs.gov/2000gb/index.htm>

Health Care and Social Assistance (NAICS 62)—Estimated Revenue for Employer and Non-employer Firms: 1998 Through 2001

(U.S/ Census Bureau)

<http://www.census.gov/svsd/www/sas62-1.pdf>

National Health Expenditures by Object, 1995 to 1998

(U.S. Census Bureau)

<http://www.census.gov/statab/freq/00s0152.txt>

National Health Expenditures, By Type 1980 to 1994

(U.S. Census Bureau)

<http://www.census.gov/prod/2/gen/96statab/health.pdf>

Hospital, Employment, and Price Indicators for the Health Care Industry

(Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services)

<http://cms.hhs.gov/statistics/health-indicators/default.asp>

Healthcare Cost & Utilization Project (HCUP) (data access site)

(Agency for Health Care Research and Quality)

<http://www.ahrq.gov/data/hcup/hcupnet.htm>

National Health Care Accounts

(Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services)

<http://cms.hhs.gov/statistics/nhe/default.asp>

National Health Care by Type of Expenditure, Calendar Year 2000

(Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services)

<http://www.cms.gov/researchers/pubs/datacompendium/2002/02pg12.pdf>

CMS Benefit Payments by Major Personal Health Expenditures Service Categories

(Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services)

<http://www.cms.gov/researchers/pubs/datacompendium/2002/02pg13.pdf>

National Health Care Source of Funds, Selected Calendar Years

(Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services)

<http://www.cms.gov/researchers/pubs/datacompendium/2002/02pg15.pdf>

Personal Health Care Payment Source

(Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services)

<http://www.cms.gov/researchers/pubs/datacompendium/2002/02pg16.pdf>

**Consumer units with reference person age 65 and over by income before taxes:
Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey,
1999/2002**

(Bureau of Labor Statistics)

<ftp://ftp.bls.gov/pub/special.requests/ce/crosstabs/y9900/AGEbyINC/x65orup.txt>

<ftp://ftp.bls.gov/pub/special.requests/ce/crosstabs/y0001/AGEbyINC/x65orup.txt>

<ftp://ftp.bls.gov/pub/special.requests/ce/crosstabs/y0102/AGEbyINC/x65orup.txt>

Trends in Payment Sources for Personal Healthcare Expenditures 1996-2008

(Medical Expenditure Panel Survey)

(Agency for Healthcare Quality and Research)

http://www.meps.ahrq.gov/PUFFiles/PMEP00/00_PMEP_TABLE4.htm

National Estimates from the Medical Expenditures Panel

(Agency for Health Care Research and Quality)

Includes tables for 65 and over for health insurance, expenditures and conditions

http://www.meps.ahrq.gov/CompendiumTables/TC_TOC.HTM

Health and Medical Care Archive

(Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research)

<http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/HMCA/>

Medicare

Medicare at a Glance

(Kaiser Family Foundation)

<http://www.kff.org/medicare/loader.cfm?url=/commonspot/security/getfile.cfm&PageID=14184>

Medicare Chartbook

(Kaiser Family Foundation)

<http://www.kff.org/medicare/1622-index.cfm>

2002 Data Compendium [See Medicare Tables]

(Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services)

<http://www.cms.gov/researchers/pubs/datacompendium/>

Green Book - 2000 - Medicare

(Committee on Ways and Means, U.S. House of Representatives)

<http://aspe.os.dhhs.gov/2000gb/sec2.txt>

FORUM: Square Peg In A Round Hole? Disease Management In Traditional Medicare

(U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging)

<http://www.senate.gov/~aging/index.cfm?Fuseaction=Hearings.Detail&HearingID=37>

Controlling Medicare's Cost

(Urban Institute)

<http://www.urban.org/content/IssuesInFocus/ControllingMedicaresCost/Medicare.htm>

What Share of Beneficiaries' Total Health Care Costs Does Medicare Pay?

(Public Policy Institute, AARP)

http://research.aarp.org/health/dd78_costs.html

Data Concerns in Out-of-Pocket Spending Comparisons between Medicare and Private Insurance

(Urban Institute)

http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/900615_HPOnline_4.pdf

Payment to Medicare + Choice Organizations

(Public Policy Institute, AARP)

http://research.aarp.org/health/dd47_choice.html

Trends In the Costs, Coverage, And Use of Prescription Drugs By Medicare Beneficiaries

(Public Policy Institute, AARP)

http://research.aarp.org/health/dd63_trends.html

Medicaid

Medicaid Payments by Basis of Eligibility

(Line for age 65 and over)

(Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services)

<http://cms.hhs.gov/researchers/pubs/datacompendium/2002/02pg10a.pdf>

A Profile of Medicaid: Chartbook 2000

(Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services)

<http://cms.hhs.gov/charts/medicaid/2Tchartbk.pdf>

Medicaid Statistics and Data

(Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services)

<http://cms.hhs.gov/medicaid/mcaidsad.asp>

2002 Data Compendium [See Medicaid Tables]

(Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services)

<http://www.cms.gov/researchers/pubs/datacompendium/>

State Fiscal Conditions and Medicaid

(Kaiser Family Foundation)

<http://www.kff.org/medicaid/4087-02.cfm>

Medicaid Expenditures Continue to Rise

(Public Agenda Online)

http://publicagenda.org/issues/factfiles_detail.cfm?issue_type=healthcare&list=6

Medicaid: Recipients and Expenditures

(Public Agenda Online)

http://publicagenda.org/issues/factfiles_detail.cfm?issue_type=healthcare&list=7

Medicaid Enrollment Growth

(Public Agenda Online)

http://publicagenda.org/issues/factfiles_detail.cfm?issue_type=healthcare&list=8

Trends in Medicaid Long-Term Care Spending

(Public Policy Institute, AARP)

http://research.aarp.org/health/dd38_trends.html

Spending down to Medicaid: New Data on the Role of Medicaid in Paying for Nursing Home Care

(Public Policy Institute, AARP)

http://research.aarp.org/health/9607_role.html

The Decline in Medicaid Use by Noncitizens since Welfare Reform

(Urban Institute)

http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/900621_HPOnline_5.pdf

The Number and Cost of Immigrants on Medicaid: National and State Estimates

(Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)

<http://aspe.hhs.gov/health/reports/xsimmigr.htm>

New Directions For State Long-Term Care Systems: Volume IV: Limiting State Medicaid Spending On Nursing Home Care

http://research.aarp.org/health/9702_nursing.html

Health Insurance

Health Insurance Coverage: 2002

(U.S. Census Bureau)

<http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/hlthin02.html>

Older Adults and Their Health Insurance

(Public Policy Institute, AARP)

http://research.aarp.org/health/9903_insurance_1.html

Low-Income Older Americans and Their Health Coverage Needs

(Public Policy Institute, AARP)

http://research.aarp.org/health/fs68_low_income.html

Private Health Insurance: Declining Employer Coverage May Affect Access for 55- to 64-Year-Olds, HEHS-98-133

(U.S. General Accounting Office)

<http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/useftp.cgi?IPaddress=162.140.64.21&filename=he98133.pdf&directory=/diskb/wais/data/gao>

Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance in the United States in 1997

(Public Policy Institute, AARP)

http://research.aarp.org/econ/fs71_income.html

FYI: A Profile of Uninsured Persons Age 62 to 64

(Public Policy Institute, AARP)

http://research.aarp.org/health/fyi_uninsured.html

Long Term Care **See also:** [Long Term Care Services in the States](#)

Faces of Aging: Personal Struggles to Confront Long Term Care Costs

(U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging)

<http://aging.senate.gov/events/092602.html>

Long Term Care Financial: Blue Prints for Reform

(U.S. Special Committee on Aging)

<http://aging.senate.gov/events/062002.html>

Broken and Sustainable: The Cost of Long-Term Care for Baby Boomers

(U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging)

<http://aging.senate.gov/events/032102.html>

Long-Term Care: States Grapple With Increasing Demands and Costs

(U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging)

<http://aging.senate.gov/events/071801.html>

Long-Term Care: Who Will Care For The Aging Baby Boomers?

(U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging)

<http://aging.senate.gov/events/062801.html>

The Costs of Long-Term Care: Public Perceptions Versus Reality

(Public Policy Institute, AARP)

http://www.research.aarp.org/health/ltc_costs.html

The Looming Budgetary Impact of Society's Aging July 2002

(Congressional Budget Office)

<http://www.cbo.gov/showdoc.cfm?index=3581&sequence=0>

Projections of Expenditures for Long Term Care Services for the Elderly

March 1999

(Congressional Budget Office)

<http://www.cbo.gov/showdoc.cfm?index=1123&sequence=0&from=1>

Veterans Health Benefits See also **Veterans Organizations in** [Membership Organizations for Seniors](#)

VA Long-Term Care: Service Gaps and Facility Restrictions Limit Veterans' Access to Non-institutional Care. GAO-03-487, May 9.

(U.S. General Accounting Office)

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-03-487>

<http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d03487high.pdf>

Highlights

Estimated Number of Veterans by Sex, Age and Period of Service

(Department of Veterans Affairs)

[http://www.va.gov/vetdata/ProgramStatics/stat_app02/Table2\(02\).xls](http://www.va.gov/vetdata/ProgramStatics/stat_app02/Table2(02).xls)

Estimated Expenditures of Veterans Benefits by State FY2002

(Department of Veterans Affairs)

<http://www.va.gov/vetdata/GeographicInformation/GDX-Hybrid-FY2002-RPD.xls>

VA Obligated Dollars by Business Line, 1996-2002

(Department of Veterans Affairs)

[http://www.va.gov/vetdata/ProgramStatics/stat_app02/Table 23 \(02.xls](http://www.va.gov/vetdata/ProgramStatics/stat_app02/Table 23 (02.xls)

VA Health Care Programs for Elderly Veterans

(Department of Veterans Affairs)

http://www.va.gov/health_benefits/page.cfm?pg=14

VA Health Care: More Veterans Are Being Served, But Better Oversight Is Needed

(U.S. General Accounting Office)

<http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/useftp.cgi?IPaddress=162.140.64.21&filename=he98226.pdf&directory=/diskb/wais/data/gao>

VA Drug Formulary: Better Oversight Is Required, But Veterans Are Getting Needed Drugs

(Department of Veterans Affairs)

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?rptno=gao-01-183>

VA Hospitals: Issues and Challenges for the Future - GAO/HEHS-98-32

(General Accounting Office)

<http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/useftp.cgi?IPaddress=162.140.64.21&filename=he98032.txt&directory=/diskb/wais/data/gao>

VA Health Care: Issues Affecting Eligibility Reform Efforts - GAO/HEHS-96-160

(General Accounting Office)

<http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/useftp.cgi?IPaddress=162.140.64.21&filename=he96160.pdf&directory=/diskb/wais/data/gao>

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